

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 2, 2021

CLERGY

Fr. Alexander Díaz, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Rampino, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard C. Caporiccio
Deacon Vincent Kapral

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
1:30 pm (Spanish) 3:00 pm (Ghana Community Mass)
Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 9:00 am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

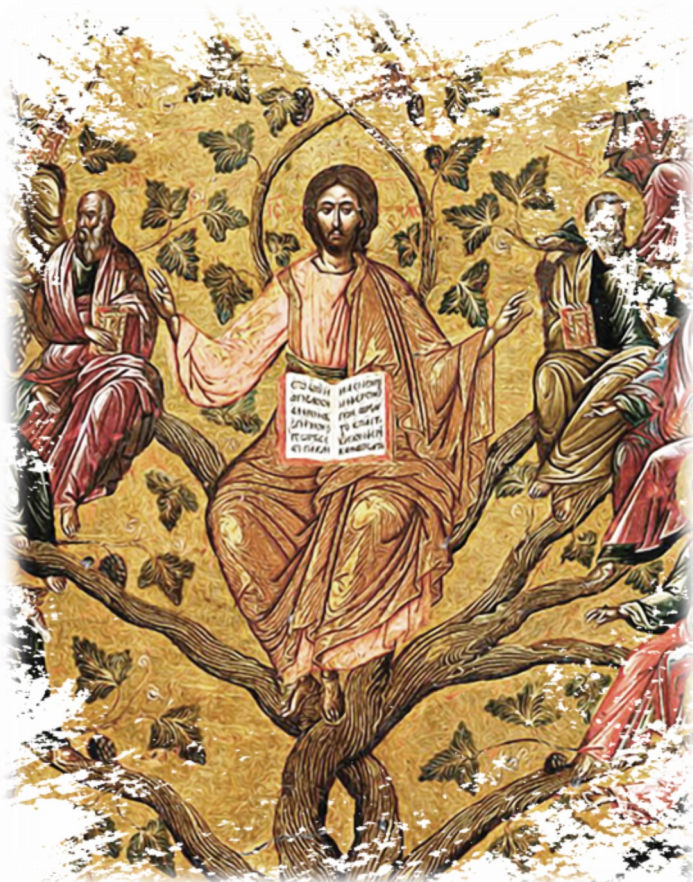
Wednesday: 8:30-9:00 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm until last penitent
Friday: 6:30 pm until last penitent
Saturday: 3:30 pm until last penitent

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday 8:30 am-8pm
Thursday: 7:00-8:00 pm

OFFICE & GIFT SHOP HOURS

Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-12 pm; 12:30 pm to 5 pm



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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 3:15 pm
Friday, 8:00 am – 2:15 pm

STAFF

Anne Arias, Principal
Maria Fox, Secretary
Fr. Joseph Rampino,
Chaplain
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With Mary, “the first disciple of her son” (Redemptoris Mater, 20), Queen of Apostles Catholic School is rooted in faith, excellence, and joy. We flourish by embracing our call to holiness, advancing in virtue and academics, and cultivating the many talents God has given us.

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PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear parishioners,

We are beginning the month of May, the month of Mary, the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. For this reason, I invite you to pray the Holy Rosary with more enthusiasm this month and receive as a parish the graces that this precious prayer offers us, especially we who have as our patroness Mary, Queen of the Apostles. This month I intend to pray for all those who have eased and settled in their faith. I ask Our Lady to rekindle the faith of those still undecided to return to Masses in person for fear of the pandemic, that they return home with more faith and love. I have great confidence that our Mother will bring you home, and we will begin to be a family little by little.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us about being united with Him because only then can we bear fruit. The Father wants us to bear much fruit. It is logical. A vinedresser plants the vineyard and cultivates it so that it produces abundant fruit. Jesus insists: "I have chosen you, and I have destined you to go and bear fruit" (Jn 15:16). We must never forget that we are chosen. God has taken notice of us personally. By baptism, he has grafted us into the vineyard that is Christ. You have the life of Christ, the Christian life, and that life we only acquire through the grace received in the sacraments.

For this reason, if we are not united to Christ and the church, nothing will make sense. It is always worth living in God's grace! Because grace always makes us bear pleasant fruits that make us grow in Holiness. Union with Christ makes us holy.

In this context, I want to invite you to love the sacraments more, especially the sacrament of the Eucharist. I have noticed that some have been accommodated to receiving the Holy Eucharist and are mechanically receiving this precious sacrament. We must not forget that we receive the living Jesus who comes to our hearts in the Eucharist. I am concerned that we will lose the love and respect for the most sacred thing we have in our Catholic faith. Whenever we receive it, we must respond with joy and devotion, "Amen." That phrase is an affirmation that we believe in Him, and it is a profound expression of love.

In the same way, you have to take a few minutes of silence and recollection, either sitting or kneeling in your seat. I have noticed that after communion, many leave the sanctuary immediately. It hurts a lot because it gives me the impression that they do not have the time to be silent and give thanks for so much love. Do not forget that the Holy Eucharist ends with the blessing and the recessional hymn, and if you are in a hurry, it is better not to receive and make a spiritual communion than to make a sacrilege to such a great sacrament. I always ask Jesus for forgiveness on behalf of all those who perhaps unconsciously make such small amends.

Finally, I would like to invite those who want to offer a donation to purchase flowers for the altar, it would be of great help. I believe that the altar should have flowers every Sunday. If you want to offer the value of a flower arrangement in honor of the intention of a family member for whom you offer Sunday Holy Mass, I would be very grateful to you. Every Sunday, we have several intentions, and it would be nice if it is offered in honor of their deceased relatives, we will dedicate a space of the bulletin to name the donors. If you want to contribute, contact the parish office.

I have you in my prayers, and I offer my rosary for all of you.

God bless you,

Fr. Alex





Religious Education Information

Registration for the 2021-2022 Religious Education school year is open! The Religious Education Program at Queen of Apostles is available to students in grades kindergarten (age 5) - high school. In-person classes will be held on **Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:45am beginning on Sept 12, 2021.** Queen of Apostles parishioners and returning students are given priority for Religious Education enrollment. Class size is limited. *Non-parishioners will be placed on a wait list until August 1, 2021.* The registration form and tuition are to be submitted together. Birth and baptismal certificates for new students are to be provided at the time of registration.

Because each year builds on the next year of faith formation, students must attend at least two consecutive years of Religious Education before a Sacrament is administered, have no more than three absences during the school year, and score at least 70% on tests. Generally, baptized children receive First Penance/First Holy Communion in grade 2 and higher and Confirmation is received in grade 8 and higher. A student is to show evidence of desire and preparation for a Sacrament. Families with unbaptized children under the age of 7 years old are to contact the parish office, 703-354-8711 or general@queenofapostles.org. Thank you for considering our program. In concert with parents, Religious Education is an opportunity for your child to live the Catholic faith by learning to pray, knowing the Bible, learning Scripture, and preparing for and living the Sacraments.

The First Holy Communion Mass for Queen of Apostles School students is **May 8, 2021 at 10am.** Students are to meet in Hannan Hall by 9:15am, dressed and ready. Contact the school for more information.

The First Holy Communion Mass for Religious Education students is **May 22, 2021 at 10am in English and 12:30pm in Spanish.** Students are to meet in Hannan Hall 45 minutes before the Mass, dressed and ready. The rehearsal for the Mass in English is scheduled for **May 17 at 6:30pm** in the church. The rehearsal for the Mass in Spanish is scheduled for **May 18 at 6:30pm** in the church. The student and a parent are to attend the rehearsal. Students are to go to Confession before the date of Holy Communion.

Are you Catholic Adult but not Confirmed? Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you in a Sacramental Marriage?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. If interested in attending RCIA for the next school year, Sept 2021-June 2022, please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org, or talk with a priest.

Altar Servers

If your son is willing to serve at Holy Mass on Sundays at 8am, 10am, 12noon in English, Mass in Spanish at 7pm on Saturdays or 1:30pm on Sundays, and other Masses, please send a message to s.gray@queenofapostles.org or talk with Fr. Rampino. Boys who are serving Mass are asked to arrive no less than 15 min before Mass, wear dress shoes, bring a face mask, use the upper sacristy, and wait for the priest.

Called to be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer?

For the 2020-2021 Religious Education school year, we are seeking practicing Catholics who have a love of the Catholic faith and want to help develop the faith in our youth. As sowers of the Gospel, catechists (teachers), aides (assist the catechists), substitutes, and volunteers (assist with registration, setup, etc) are needed on Sunday mornings for in-person classes for the Sept 12, 2021-May 29, 2022 program. Prayerfully consider if you are called to respond to Jesus, be His witness and example, and serve as a disciple by helping teach the faith. We provide you with materials, support, and opportunities to attend Diocesan and parish workshops and obtain certification. Attendance at a Virtus seminar and completion of Virginia Background Check paperwork are required. If interested, please contact Susan Gray at 703-354-8711 or s.gray@queenofapostles.org

Joining Our Parish Family



Welcome to Queen of Apostles! We warmly invite you to join our parish family. So that you might receive all of our parish communications, and so that our clergy and staff may respond appropriately to your various sacramental needs, we encourage you to register at Queen of Apostles through the Parish Office or on our website queenofapostles.org. Parish registration forms are available in the Church vestibule and at the Parish Office, located at 4329 Sano Street.

Please notify the Parish Office of any family status changes or if you have moved outside the parish by contacting (703) 354-8711 ext. 10, or general@queenofapostles.org

✠ PARISH LIFE ✠

Masses This Week

Fifth Sunday of Easter- Sunday, May 2:

8:00 am +John Battaglia
 10:00 am Living and Deceased Parishioners
 12:00 pm +Grace Okemo
 1:30 pm (L) Emma Coronel Aispuro

Sts. Philip and James - Monday, May 3:

6:30 am +Patti Davis
 9:00 am (L) Betty Jane and +George Davis

Tuesday, May 4:

6:30 am +Dorothy Norpel
 9:00 am +Joseph Yoo

Wednesday, May 5:

6:30 am +The repose of the soul of Enzo
 9:00 am (L) Puanani Alama Family

Thursday, May 6:

6:30 am +Annemarie Lang
 9:00 am +Jacinto Amaya

Friday, May 7:

6:30 am (L) Margie Chu Family
 9:00 am +John Battaglia

Saturday, May 8:

8:00 am +Rev. Julius J. Cilinski
 5:00 pm +Philip L. Loving
 7:00 pm +Cesar Marin

Have you signed up for Parish electronic giving through Faith Direct? To join *Faith Direct*, start by **simply focusing your phone camera on this QR code!** You can also visit faithdirect.net and enroll online using our Parish code: **VA234**



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Weekly Emails Want to receive Parish updates and announcements directly to your email inbox? Sign up for our weekly emails sent every Friday by contacting the Parish Office or visiting our website queenofapostles.org today!

Baptisms Infant Baptisms are held twice a month on Saturdays at 10:30 am: *First Saturday in English*, and the *Third Saturday in Spanish*. The classes are held on the *Third Wednesday at 7:30 pm in English* and the *First Wednesday at 7:30 pm in Spanish*. **May 5** we will have the English class in Hannan Hall.

Work on Roof Please be mindful of moving materials in the parking lot over the next couple of weeks as our Church roof is being replaced. There will also be much more noise and dust during the week, so we thank you for your caution and patience. We are excited to keep you updated on this highly anticipated capital project.

Legion of Mary *Praises of Mary:* "O Mary, you possess the authority of a Mother toward God. Therefore, it is impossible for you not to be heard, for God always treats you like His true and Immaculate Mother." - St. Germanus

Meetings on **Thursdays, 6:00 pm**, Parish Center



**QUEEN OF APOSTLES
GIFT SHOP**

New items for sale!

- Masks and matching hand sanitizer pouches
- Water bottles
- First Communion accessories and gifts
- ...and more!

Gospel Commentary for Fifth Sunday of Easter: The Heart of Our Faith

By Fr. Joseph Rampino

During this holiest season of Easter, the ancient Church turned to re-focus on understanding our holy faith's most important mysteries, namely, our reception of the Christ's risen life through Baptism and the holy Eucharist. Today, we humans tend to focus more on the moral and societal aspects of religion, which leads us to a greater emphasis on Lent, the season of purification, over the other seasons of the year. Yet the heart of the Christian life remains the same, in the mysteries before the morals. So, though Easter's sacramental emphasis might feel strange to us, it is necessary for our souls that we follow the ancients, and re-encounter the foundation of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

The Gospel the Church gives us this week, in which Jesus describes Himself as the vine, and all of us as the branches, brings us directly to the heart of the Christian faith. Christ is the one truly living being, in whom we all become one living being. Christ, though divine, become one of us, that we, though mortal and frail, might become members of God Himself, partakers in the divine nature, bearing divine fruit in the world. In this way, the alienation that Adam and Eve passed down to each one of us, their rejection of God's friendship, their wounded ability to love one another, live with themselves, and exist in peace with the created world, finds healing in a new and even better communion with God. Before, humanity spoke with God in the garden, now in Christ, we are grafted into Him branches in the vine, as members of His body. This is the heart and purpose of the Christian religion. Christianity is not primarily about being kind to the people around us, it is about how God has made us one with Himself in love, and in so doing, calls all humanity together into eternity as one living body.

It is this mystery of the one living thing that is the mystical vine, Jesus and all those grafted into Him, that we consider in the Easter season. Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ conquered the wounds of sin that would keep us apart from union with Him, and healed our human nature, so that we might be made capable of sharing eternal life in that union. He gives us a share in His resurrection and glory and makes us one with Him through the sacrament of Baptism, which we celebrate and commemorate throughout the Easter season. He binds us more deeply into Himself by a true exchange of flesh and blood in Holy Communion, which the Church commands us to receive at least once during this Easter season. The result of these Sacraments is the one body of all those who have been baptized and who live off of the body and blood of the Lord, which we call quite simply the Church.

The Church, made by Baptism and the Eucharist, is where we can find, even today the vine about which Christ spoke in John's Gospel. The Church is not merely a human institution or an organized religion. Its members are not bound only by registration, records, or self-identification. They are joined by the share in divine nature they have been granted in the Sacraments, and by the indestructible mark left on the soul at Baptism. This mystic vine we call the Church is, as the ancient Christians would name it, the Whole Christ. This Easter season, we should ask the Lord for the grace to see again this truth, and accept this gift of divine love.



Have you committed to our Capital Campaign?

There is much to be done to maintain our Parish facilities, and you could help make it all possible. Please prayerfully consider either making a pledge or a one-time gift if you have not already done so. Those who registered in the year 2020 at Queen of Apostles who have not yet pledged will be receiving phone calls from our Continuation Committee to provide more information on how their contributions will help with essential renovations and safety upgrades in our beautiful Church. Installments can be made through Faith Direct, PayPal, and other forms of electronic giving as well as by check. We sincerely thank you for your generosity.



Please pray for all of the sick members of our parish

Jin C. Navarro, Leo Monterroso, Etelvina León-Duarte, Ginny Cook, Olivia Castillo Asnis, Maria Reyes, Anna Anderson, Jean McDermott, Anne Kemble, Virginia Shea, Joseph Lipari, Rosa María Santos, Carmelita Mate, Leonor Cabrestane, Roger Trozado, Jeanie Miller, Maddie Respicio-Cabatic, Helen Brooks, Charles Ferris, Dominic Blansett, Linda Intihar, Melencio Morales, Reyes Duran, Luong Bui, Nick Tullier, Rose Maalouf, Nicole Pack, Barbara J. Banis, Numa Osuna, Jr., Timmy Burnway, Mark Bush, Margaret Peiffer, Rita Sulit, Jason Banis, Emma Collins, Juana Mejia, Lisa Nyce, Monique Brooks, Debby Sprah, Consuelo Jocson, Cheryl McGlynn, Theresa Corcoran, Cordelia Carcamo, Russ and Jill Amerling, Richard Esterlund, Margaret Fiore, Michael Robertson, Jocelyn Reyes, Wilma Robles, Maryann McNutt, Yolanda Arzadon, and those who have been affected by the coronavirus.

CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Queridos parroquianos,

Estamos iniciando el mes de mayo, el mes de María, el mes dedicado al Santo Rosario, por ello les invito que recemos en este mes con mas entusiasmo el Santo Rosario y recibamos como parroquia las gracias que esta preciosa oración nos brinda; especialmente nosotros que tenemos como patrona a María, Reina de los Apóstoles. Este mes en lo personal tengo como intención orar por todos aquellos que se han enfriado y acomodado en su fe, pido a nuestra Señora que reavive la fe de aquellos que aún están indecisos de volver a las misas en persona por miedo a la pandemia que retornen a casa con más fe y amor. Tengo mucha fe que nuestra Madre les traerá a casa y comenzaremos poco a poco a ser una familia.

Jesús, en el evangelio de este domingo nos habla de estar unidos a Él, porque solo así podremos dar frutos. El Padre quiere que demos mucho fruto. Es lógico. Un viñador planta la viña y la cultiva para que produzca fruto abundante. Jesús insiste: «Yo los he elegido a ustedes, y los he destinado para que vayan y den fruto» (Jn 15,16). No debemos olvidar jamás que somos elegidos. Dios se ha fijado en nosotros de manera personal. Por el bautismo nos ha injertado en la viña que es Cristo. Tienes la vida de Cristo, la vida cristiana y esa vida solo la adquirimos a través de la gracia recibida en los sacramentos, por esta razón, si no estamos unidos a Cristo y a la iglesia nada tendrá sentido. ¡Vale la pena vivir siempre en gracia de Dios! Porque la gracia nos hace siempre dar frutos agradables que nos hacen crecer en Santidad. La unión con Cristo nos hace Santos.

En este contexto, quiero invitarles a amar más los sacramentos, en especial el sacramento de la Eucaristía. He notado que algunos se han acomodado al recibir la Santa Eucaristía y la están recibiendo de manera mecánica este preciado sacramento. No debemos olvidar que en la Eucaristía recibimos a Jesús vivo que viene a nuestro corazón, me preocupa que se pierda el amor, el decoro y el respeto a lo más sagrado que tenemos en nuestra fe católica. Siempre que lo recibimos debemos de responder con alegría y devoción, "Amen". Esa frase es una afirmación de que creemos en Él, y es una expresión profunda de amor. De igual manera, hay que tomarse unos minutos de silencio y recogimiento ya sea sentados o arrodillados en nuestro asiento. Me he fijado que después de la comunión muchos se van de inmediato del templo, me duele mucho porque me da la impresión que no tienen el tiempo de guardar el silencio para agradecer tanto amor. No olviden que la santa Eucaristía termina con la bendición y el canto final, y si esta de prisa es mejor no recibir y hacer una comunión espiritual a hacer un sacrilegio a tan grande sacramento. Siempre pido perdón a Jesús en nombre de todos aquellos que quizás inconscientemente realizan esos pequeños desagravios.

Finalmente, invito los que quieran ofrecer una donación para la compra de flores para el altar sería de gran ayuda, creo que el altar debe tener flores cada domingo. Si desean ofrecer el valor de un arreglo floral en honor a la intención de algún familiar por el cual ofrecen la Santa Misa dominical estaría muy agradecido con ustedes. Cada domingo tenemos varias intenciones y sería bonito si se ofrece en honor de sus familiares difuntos, dedicaremos en un especio del boletín para nombrar a los donantes si así lo desean. Si desean contribuir comuníquense con la oficina parroquial

Les tengo en mis oraciones y ofrezco mi rosario por todos ustedes.

Que Dios les bendiga.

P. Alex



Misas esta semana

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Charlas de Bautizo Las charlas de bautizo en español se celebran el tercer miércoles del mes a las 7:30 p.m. La próxima fecha es el **19 de mayo**. Por favor llama a la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

Correos electrónicos semanales ¿Quieres recibir actualizaciones y anuncios de Parish directamente en tu bandeja de entrada de correo electrónico? Regístrese para recibir nuestros correos electrónicos semanales enviados todos los viernes poniéndose en contacto con la Oficina Parroquial o visitando nuestro sitio hoy!

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“Tén Fe” en el Señor Jesús y te salvarás tú y tu casa.

HECHOS 16.31

**Todos los Sábados
5:00pm**

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